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MEMORANDUM

TO: Westex Committee

FROM: Joshua Lederberg

SUBJECT: Flash Schedule for the Meeting of the Exobiology Committee,  
Space Science Board, Saturday, March 24, 1962.

I am hoping to take advantage of the congregation of a considerable fraction of the Committee members to have an informal meeting on Saturday, March 24. The meeting will be a rump session of a Phage Conference that Gunther Stent is organizing to be held at the California Alumni Center near Lake Tahoe, California. The principle business of the meeting would be a review of life detection experiments on the Mariner B Mars capsule (the multivator). This part of the session, probably from about 10:30 a.m. to 3 or 3:30 p.m. would also invite the attendance of other members of the Phage Conference. There is no other urgent specific business but we should perhaps have a brief executive session after this to consider whether there are any more general perspectives on the exobiology program most appropriate for our own consideration as a committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

You will receive further notice of the details of the meeting--especially those of you who would not be involved in the preceding Phage Conference. Gunther will be in closest touch with the local arrangements. Tahoe has air service from Reno for any of you who may require such quick access; we are looking into the possibility of local accommodations for those of us who may have to stay over Saturday night.

You will receive a more detailed agenda and prospectus of the experiments to be reviewed.

I am assuming that most of the Committee members who are also in the Phage group will find it convenient to attend. I would appreciate hearing from others who will not already have been making their arrangements for accommodations with Gunther as to their intentions and requirements--please send copy to Gunther as well.

Joshua Lederberg

